

REMARKS

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by European Patent Application EP 0 814 442 A2 of Kuramatsu, et al.; Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,411,827 to Minata; Claims 3 and 4 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication No. 08154114 A by Bunshi, et al. in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 6218648 A by Kazuyuki, et al.; and Claims 5 and 6 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Minata in view of Kuramatsu, et al.

Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 5 are the pending independent claims.

Claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by Kuramatsu, et al., which discloses display of one or more reception wait mode screens (Figs. 7A-7C) on a communication device screen. (See, Col. 7, line 19-22 of Kuramatsu, et al.) However, Kuramatsu, et al. fails to disclose changing such display upon receiving a phone call to remind a user of a registered occasion date, as in Claim 1. For at least this reason, Kuramatsu, et al. fails to anticipate Claim 1.

At the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner alleged that Kuramatsu, et al. discloses, at Col. 8, lines 39-42, the recitation of determining whether today is a registered occasion date. However, neither the cited portion nor elsewhere does Kuramatsu, et al. disclose a registered occasion date. The cited portion of Kuramatsu, et al. discloses display of an illustration when the communication device is in a certain time zone. (See, Col. 8, lines 34-42 of Kuramatsu, et al.) Moreover, the display of the illustration is not provided upon receiving a phone call, as in Claim 1.

In independent Claim 5, which was rejected in view of a combination of Minata and Kuramatsu, et al., a second predetermined image is displayed if today is the registered occasion date to remind the user of the registered occasion date. Like Claim 1, Claim 5 alerts a user of an occasion date when a call is received in a phone. At page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner cited Fig. 2 of Kuramatsu, et al. as allegedly disclosing alerting a user of an occasion date when a call is received. However, as discussed above in regard to Claim 1, Kuramatsu, et al. fails to

disclose such display upon receiving a phone call. The Examiner fails to show how Minata might cure this defect. Accordingly, the combination of Minata and Kuramatsu, et al. fails to render Claim 5 unpatentable.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 5 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability *per se* of dependent Claims 2 and 6, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims. Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Finally, the Office Action also included a request for submission of complete documents and official translations of the Japanese documents that were “submitted in the IDS on 5-1-06.” (Office Action, page 2). Further to the Examiner’s request, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith that provides translations for the Examiner’s consideration.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants’ attorney at the number given below.

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